

# SENATE BILL No. 139

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 11-13-3-2.

**Synopsis:** Parole eligibility for certain offenders. Provides that a person is eligible for consideration for release on parole if, before the criminal code was enacted in 1976: (1) the person was sentenced to more than one term of life imprisonment without parole upon conviction of more than one felony; and (2) at least one of the person's felony convictions was for kidnapping.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections & Criminal Law.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 11-13-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. (a) Release on parole  
3 and discharge of an offender sentenced for an offense under IC 35-50  
4 shall be determined under IC 35-50-6.  
5 (b) Parole and discharge eligibility for offenders sentenced for  
6 offenses under laws other than IC 35-50 is as follows:  
7 (1) A person sentenced upon conviction of a felony to an  
8 indeterminate term of imprisonment is eligible for consideration  
9 for release on parole upon completion of ~~his~~ **the person's**  
10 minimum term of imprisonment, less the credit time ~~he~~ **the**  
11 **person** has earned with respect to that term.  
12 (2) A person sentenced upon conviction of a felony to a  
13 determinate term of imprisonment is eligible for consideration for  
14 release on parole upon completion of one-half (1/2) of ~~his~~ **the**  
15 **person's** determinate term of imprisonment or at the expiration of  
16 twenty (20) years, whichever comes first, less the credit time ~~he~~



1 **the person** has earned with respect to that term.

2 **(3) The following provisions apply to offenders sentenced to**  
 3 **life imprisonment:**

4 **(A)** A person sentenced upon conviction of first degree murder  
 5 or second degree murder to a term of life imprisonment is  
 6 eligible for consideration for release on parole upon  
 7 completion of twenty (20) years of time served on the  
 8 sentence.

9 **(B)** A person sentenced upon conviction of a felony other than  
 10 first degree murder or second degree murder to a term of life  
 11 imprisonment is eligible for consideration for release on parole  
 12 upon completion of fifteen (15) years of time served on the  
 13 sentence.

14 **(C)** A person sentenced upon conviction of more than one (1)  
 15 felony to more than one (1) term of life imprisonment is not  
 16 eligible for consideration for release on parole under this  
 17 section. **However, this clause does not apply to a person if**  
 18 **at least one (1) of the person's felony convictions is for**  
 19 **kidnapping, and the person is eligible for consideration for**  
 20 **release on parole under this subdivision.**

21 A person sentenced to a term of life imprisonment does not earn  
 22 credit time with respect to that term.

23 (4) A person sentenced upon conviction of a misdemeanor is not  
 24 eligible for parole and shall, instead, be discharged upon  
 25 completion of ~~his~~ **the person's** term of imprisonment, less the  
 26 credit time ~~he~~ **the person** has earned with respect to that term.

27 (c) A person whose parole is revoked may be reinstated on parole  
 28 by the parole board any time after the revocation, regardless of whether  
 29 the offender was sentenced under IC 35-50 or another law. The parole  
 30 board may adopt, under IC 4-22-2, rules ~~and regulations~~ regarding  
 31 eligibility for reinstatement.

